



# **Overview of Forum on Transportation Investment Goal and Final Recommendations**

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# Forum Description

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- Idaho Transportation Department, with H.W. Lochner, consultant, called together a Forum of transportation-interested individuals (57) on September 27, 2004
- To examine & assess Idaho's future transportation requirements, and make recommendations of actions and options to achieve a future transportation vision (2006-2035).



# Goal of the Forum's Charter

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The Goal is two-fold:

1. To establish an understanding of the needs and demands for transportation improvements and the available options for financing and funding Idaho's transportation system; and
2. Make recommendations to the ITD Board on how to shape future investment in the Idaho surface transportation system.



# Charter Focus Areas

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- Review current financing/funding options.
- Understand the citizen's demand for an improved transportation system & summarize Idaho's needs.
- Assess future innovative financing and revenue options.



# First 5 Meeting Objectives

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The Meeting Objectives established that five (5) meetings would:

- Organize and Set Objectives,
- Review Current Financial Tools,
- Assess Current & Future Transportation Needs,
- Explore Future Finance Options, and
- Assess Idaho's Long-Range Transportation Investment Plans



## 6 & 7 Meeting Objectives

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And two (2) additional meetings would:

- Achieve consensus of presented information on current financial tools, transportation needs, finance options, and revenue efforts.
- Draft recommendations as to financial tools & revenue sources to address future needs, including possible promotion & endorsement of recommendations.
- Present final recommendations to the Idaho Transportation Board.



# FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Final recommendations will:
  - “Be a consensus of the Forum not necessarily unanimous.”
  - Recognize a range of transportation needs and demands in Idaho.
  - Categorize areas of current funding and possible changes.
  - Propose future funding options, criteria for prioritizing demands, and other recommendations.